



2012 Special Events

Tennessee State Parks and Natural Areas

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Happy 75th Anniversary to Tennessee State Parks! In addition to the many special Anniversary Events being held across the state, we have many exciting events being held every week throughout the year. Our event list is updated throughout the year. Check out the event web page for the latest events www.tnstateparks.com/events.

Please note: For most Tennessee State Natural Area events space is limited and reservations are required. Trips may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Leave your phone number and/or email address with the hike leader so they can reach you if plans change. If you have reserved a spot on a hike but are unable to attend, please let the hike leader know, so someone on the waiting list may take your place.

Events are as accurate as possible but are subject to change. For more information about a specific Natural Area, including descriptions, directions and maps visit www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas.

Paris Landing hosts **Outdoor Concert** on **Sept. 1**

Paris Landing State Park tops off its annual Summer Concert Series this year on Labor Day with Kalisa Ewing set to perform. Join us at 7 p.m. at the park amphitheater. Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music on the banks of Kentucky Lake. Enjoy a bite to eat in the park restaurant before the show. For more information call 731-641-4465.

Standing Stone hosts **12th Annual Camper's Night Light Contest** on **Sept. 1**

(Plateau) Calling all campers! Decorate your campsite with a creative selection of lights. 1st place prize, for most original display, is one week of free Camping at Standing Stone State Park. 2nd place prize is two days/nights of free Camping at Standing Stone State Park. Camping fee is required to participate. For more information contact Ranger Travis Stover at 931-823-6347 or travis.stover@tn.gov.

Big Hill Pond hosts 75th Anniversary 5K on Sept. 1

(West) Join us at 9 a.m. CT for a Labor Day 5k run. The top three runners for men's, women's, and children will receive trophies! So come on out to Big Hill Pond State park and celebrate Tennessee State Parks 75th anniversary with us this Labor Day weekend! Immediately following the run we will be serving cake and homemade ice cream for all participants and park visitors! Event is free for everyone and 75th Anniversary souvenirs will be on sale in the Park Visitor's Center! For more information call 731-645-7967.

Cumberland Mountain hosts FoxFire Band on Sept. 1

(Plateau) 2:00 p.m. CT. Meet at the restaurant terrace for some Newgrass music!! Event is free to the public! FoxFire Newgrass Band performs. For more information call 931-484-6138.

Carroll Cabin Barrens SNA hosts Cedar Barren Ecology Hike on Sept. 1

(West) Join Allan Trently, Stewardship Ecologist, Natural Areas Program on a 2.5 mile hike exploring some of the treeless barrens of the area. Some of the hike will be off-trail. The hike is to be considered moderate though some may find it strenuous. Alan will discuss the ecology and management of the barrens and will identify animals and plants during the hike. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and a snack, bring binoculars if you have them, and dress appropriately for the weather. We will not go in the event of inclement weather. Meet at the natural area parking lot at 9:30 a.m. CT. A map to the site can be found at: www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/carrollcabin/carrollcabin.pdf. Reservations are required. Contact Allan Trently at 731-512-1369 or at allan.trently@tn.gov no later than August 30. If you need to call me on September 1st call my cell at 731-234-4887 (coverage at Carroll Cabins is not reliable).

Fort Pillow hosts Labor Day Celebration on Sept. 1

(West) Celebrate Labor Day weekend with 3 full days of outdoor activities and programs for all ages. For more information call 731-738-5581.

Indian Mountain hosts The Miner's Mile on Sept. 3

(East) This yearly event is a 5K/10K run and 2-mile walk that benefits the city of Jellico. The run starts and ends in the park. Runners have an opportunity to see a good bit of the town from the beauty of the park to the history of downtown. Please come and join us for this event. For more information, call the park office at 423-784-7958.

Sycamore Shoals hosts 12th Annual Celtic Festival on Sept. 7-9

(East) Friday-Sunday, September 7, 8, and 9 Friday Night Torchlight Ceremony 6:30 p.m. ET. Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET. Saturday Night Concert 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Appalachia's Celtic heritage! Opening with a torchlight ceremony Friday Night, Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history; dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening. Admissions charge. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

Roan Mountain hosts Fall Naturalist's Rally on Sept. 7-9

(East) Now in its 50th year, the Fall Naturalist Rally offers something for everyone, including hikes, bird-watching and night sky viewing led by Friends of Roan Mountain. Top naturalists share their knowledge of plants, birds, mushrooms, geology, stream ecology and much more! For more information call 423-543-7576.

Fall Creek Falls hosts 34th Annual Mountain Folk Festival on Sept. 7-9

(Plateau) This weekend's jam-packed schedule includes handmade crafts, two stages of traditional mountain music, demonstrations of pioneer skills, country cooking, and much more. Don't miss this event! For more information call 423-881-5298.

Cumberland Mountain hosts Edible Mushrooms on Sept. 8

(Plateau) Cumberland Mycological Society will be presenting an edible mushroom program at Shelter 3. For more information call 931-484-6138.

Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Walk Now for Autism Speaks on Sept. 8

Come walk for a good cause and enjoy a fine September morning. Walk will begin at 10 a.m. For more information, please email: cara.alexander@tn.gov, or call the park office at 741-5771.

Bledsoe Creek hosts Music Festival on Sept. 8

Help us celebrate the 75th anniversary of TN State Parks during our annual Music Festival. Listen to the contemporary sounds of Garcia and Scott, the Appalachian sounds of the dulcimer from Flat Broke or the many talents of Rick and Penny Roark at Union Hill and the Christian sounds of Day Seven. Admission will be donations for the bands. Concessions and silent auction will be provided by the Friends of Bledsoe Creek State Park. 50/50 drawing will be held. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Friends of Bledsoe Creek SP and proceeds will be used for activities in the park. For more information call 615-452-3706.

Paris Landing hosts Arts & Crafts Festival on Sept. 8 & 9

Our annual Arts and Crafts festival will be Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT. Over 100 vendors will have homemade arts and crafts with food vendors serving all your favorites.

BRAT (TN State Parks Bicycle Ride across TN) on Sept. 8-15

Welcome to the 23rd annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT 2012). This seven-day ride will start at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, TN and features a combination of rolling hills, valleys, and some flat terrain. The tour will include a balance of some long-distance rides and some short distance days - designed to challenge expert cyclists, while accommodating recreational riders. Riders will camp overnight at four Tennessee State Parks along the route, including Cumberland Mountain, Standing Stone, Pickett, and Harrison Bay. The City of Kingston will host one overnight stay at Fort Southwest Point. One layover day is planned at Cumberland Mountain State Park, giving cyclists an opportunity to sightsee - including nature hikes and canoeing. A three-day ride option is available for those who aren't ready for a weeklong tour or have limited vacation time. To learn more visit <http://thebrat.org>. Sign up for our newsletter at: <http://thebrat.org/sign-up/>

Fort Loudoun hosts 18th Century Trade Faire on Sept. 8 & 9

(East) The Fort Loudoun State Historic Park and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum are partnering for the Great Island Festival, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET each day. The Great Island Festival is actually a series of concurrent events, designed to take visitors back in time to an 18th century Trade Faire and a Cherokee encampment. The 18th century Trade Faire at Fort Loudoun will feature encampments of soldiers, settlers and American Indians. There will be demonstrations throughout the day in artillery and musketry, along with several battle and skirmish re-enactments. Merchants and artisans will be on hand to peddle food and wares reminiscent of the time. Admission is \$5 for adults aged 12 and up; children 11 and under will be admitted free of charge. For more information please call 423-884-6217.

Pinson Mounds hosts Archaeofest on Sept. 14

(West) Join us for a celebration of Native American culture and archaeology. Enjoy a wide range of craft demonstrations to include pottery, basketry, leatherwork, flint knapping and chipping, and jewelry making. Children and adults of all ages will enjoy the Native American story telling sessions. For more information call 731-988-5614.

Henry Horton hosts Hunters Run for the Hungry 5 and 10 K on Sept. 14

(Middle) Proceeds from this annual 5K and 10K are used to process venison donated to the Hunters for the Hungry Program. The processed venison is then donated to local food banks in Marshall County. Preregistration is \$40; registration day of the race is \$45. Registration and check in is from 6 – 6:45 a.m. CT at the Henry Horton State Park swimming pool parking lot. Race starts at 7 a.m. CT. Strollers and cheerleaders are welcomed. Entry fees must be submitted with a completed registration. For details please contact Lori Jett at 931-364-2222, ext. 254 or visit the Henry Horton State Park web page.

Henry Horton hosts Step Back in Time on Sept. 14 & 15

(Middle) Join us for two days of family fun at the Step Back in Time Festival. This annual fall festival features music, food, storytellers, re-enactors, antique car and tractor show, mule packing demonstrations, and much more. For more information call 931-364-7724.

Fall Creek Falls hosts Tennessee Fall Star Gaze on Sept. 14 - 16

(Plateau) Feel free to join the Cumberland Astronomical Society at the viewing area above the Fall Creek Inn to check out the night sky. Bring your own telescope if you like. Anyone is welcome. For more information please call 423-884-6217.

Booker T. Washington hosts Health and Recreation Fair on Sept. 15

(East) Booker T. Washington State Park celebrates 75 years of Tennessee State Parks with a Health and Recreation Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET. We will host a variety of exhibits, displays, health screenings, and recreational activities including hikes, wall climbing, canoeing, native wildlife programs, and sports. Music and food will also be provided. For more information call 423-894-4955.

Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day on Sept. 15

(Plateau) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

Pickett hosts Volunteer Day on Sept. 15

(Plateau) Participate in trail work, planting native species, litter clean up and other park projects. Meet park personnel and the Friends group at the park office at 9 a.m. CT. Work days generally last until 3 p.m. CT. Bring gloves, water, a sack lunch and snacks. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat are also good to have. Feel free to work a few hours or stay the entire time. For more information call 931-879-5821.

Nathan Bedford Forrest hosts Eva Beach Music Festival on Sept. 15

(Middle) This family friendly event has something for everyone. Enjoy the craft sale and a variety of craft demonstrations including basket weaving and Tomahawk throwing, etc. Local classic cars will be cruising throughout the day. Jumpers for the kids and games for all ages. Bands throughout the day playing bluegrass, gospel, rock and southern rock music. Vendors selling food of all varieties including fried Oreos, Bar-B-Q, burgers, and hot dogs. Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT. For more information call 731-584-6356.

Standing Stone hosts 30th Annual Marbles Festival on Sept. 15

(Plateau) Come to Standing Stone State Park in Overton County to be a part of the 30th Annual National Rolley Hole Marble Championship and Festival. This traditional marbles contest draws some of the country's best players to a tournament where players match wit and skills with special flint spheres on a smooth dirt surface. Festival includes kids' games, marble making, swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music and food. (Registration is required for the Rolley Hole Tournament.) This one of a kind family experience has been featured by ESPN, ABC, Sports Illustrated, CBS, CNN, Smithsonian Institution, National Geographic, and Charles Schulz's Peanuts. For more information contact Ranger Shawn Hughes at 931-823-6347 or shawn.hughes@tn.gov.

Reelfoot Lake hosts Round House Reunion on Sept. 16

(West) Reelfoot Lake State Park welcomes the return of the Round House Reunion. During the 1950's and the 1960's, the Bluebank Round House was the place to be at Reelfoot Lake. People came from miles and miles to listen to the music, meet friends, and enjoy Reelfoot Lake. Many friendships and romances started at the Round House and many happy memories were created there. The Round House Reunion relives the feeling and sounds of that time. We invite you to join us for a day filled with good music and good friends on the shores of beautiful Reelfoot Lake. Pack a picnic basket, or enjoy available concessions, and meet old friends at the Round House Reunion on Sunday September the 16th, 2012. The music will begin at 12:00 noon. CT. For more information call 731-253-8003.

Cove Lake hosts 75th Anniversary Event on Sept. 19

(Plateau) Celebrate 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks. For more information call 423-566-9701.

Sycamore Shoals hosts Celebrating Our Stories on Sept. 20

Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks

(East) Join us at 7 p.m. ET for the fascinating stories of Sycamore Shoals, presented by the Friends of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Guest speakers will share early 18th century tales of monumental events that took place on this land, and its ultimate designation as a Tennessee State Park on July 2, 1976. Contact the park for more information at 423-543-5808.

Pickett hosts CCC Statue Dedication on Sept. 20

(Plateau) Join us for our 75 Anniversary Celebration and the dedication of our bronze, life-size CCC Worker Statue, located adjacent to the Pickett CCC museum. The statue honors and commemorates the hard work and accomplishments of the Civilian Conservation Corps who were instrumental in the development of the park. When the CCC was established on March 31, 1933, by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a CCC Worker Statue was created to be placed across the nation, primarily in sites where the CCC men worked. Most of these sites are in national or state parks. For more information call 931-879-5821.

Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts TN Volunteers in the Mex.-Amer. War on Sept. 20

(Middle) Life of volunteers in the 1st and 2nd Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, and the 1st Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Rifles. Anniversary of the Battle of Monterey, Sept. 21 1846. For more information call 615-741-5280.

Big Ridge hosts National Trails Day Trail Clean-up on Sept. 22

(East) Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET for a few hours of fall fun cleaning up the park trails. For more information call 865-992-5523.

Chickasaw hosts Heritage Days on Sept. 22

(West) Celebrate the 75 years of Chickasaw State Park. Activities and programs about the history and the creation of the park will be conducted throughout the day. Most activities will be held at Sagamore Lodge, the original park structure built in 1937. Come help us celebrate the creation of the park and all of the memories that have been made here since then. For more information call the park at 731-989-5141 or 1-800-458-1752.

Short Springs SNA hosts Tree Identification Hike on Sept. 22

(Middle) Possessing the ability to identify dominant tree species adds to our understanding and appreciation of forested ecosystems. Enjoy the first day of autumn by walking the natural area's trails and learning about Tennessee's diverse forest communities. During the three - four hours afield, participants will not only encounter a number of tree species, but will discover some leaf, twig and bark characteristics essential for woody plant identification. We'll also discuss how topographic and other environmental variables influence forest species composition. Attendees should bring water and snacks. Although not essential, a field guide to trees, small hand lens, and a notepad would be useful for this outing. Meet at the natural area parking lot at 10 a.m. CT. Map and directions are posted at www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/shortspr/ Meet at the natural area parking lot at 10 a.m. CT. Reservations are required. RSVP to Roger McCoy at roger.mccoy@tn.gov.

Ghost River SNA hosts Guided Canoe Trip on Sept. 22

(West) Participants are to meet at the Bateman Bridge takeout in Moscow at 9.30 a.m. CT where most vehicles will be left. There will be a shuttle to take people to the launch point at Yager Rd in La Grange where the paddling trip should commence at 10 a.m. The trip will focus on the history, diversity and beauty of the natural area. The float is about 9 miles and has some fast sections so some paddling experience is recommended. Participants should bring lunch and water to drink. Sunscreen, bug spray and carpooling are recommended. The canoe trip will last approximately 6-7 hours. More detailed information will be provided upon reservations. Reservations are required. RSVP to 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov.

Sycamore Shoals hosts Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration on Sept. 22 & 23

(East) Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. Join us for an encampment by the Overmountain militia before the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780. Live some of the most crucial days of the American Revolution! Call the park for a schedule of events at 423-543-5808.

Tims Ford hosts Annual Birds of Prey Program on Sept. 23

(Middle) Tims Ford Environmental Education Association will be hosting the program at Tims Ford State Park. Programs include a nature walk with State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath and the LIVE Birds of Prey program, presented by SOAR (Save our American Raptors). This is your chance for up-close encounters with live eagles, hawks, and owls. Everyone welcome and its free. For more information call 931-962-1183.

Sycamore Shoals hosts Overmountain Victory Trail March on Sept. 25

(East) Tuesday, 2 p.m. (approximate time) Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association have recreated the historic march to King's Mountain since 1975. Marchers will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals, just as the Overmountain militia crossed 232 years ago. For more information contact the park at 423-543-5808.

Old Stone Fort hosts Old Stone Fort Knapp-In and Archaeoskills on Sept. 28-30

(Middle) A celebration of the ancient arts and archaeoskills, the weekend's main activities and special programming begin at 8 a.m. CT on Saturday and will run until approximately 4:30 p.m. The festival is free and open to the public. Flint knappers of all skill levels will begin arriving at the park on Friday and will set up on the roof deck of the museum to exchange ideas and materials and demonstrate their craft to the public. There will be atlatl competitions on Saturday and Sunday, with opportunities for everyone to try this ancient skill. Other demonstrations include Native American pottery construction, shell carving, basketry, fire making, native plant use, cordage production and many other primitive skills. There also will be special presentations throughout Saturday on topics such as Southeastern archaeology and prehistory. The Old Stone Fort is a 2000-year-old Native American ceremonial site, which consists of nearly 4,000 feet of low, wall-like mounds enclosing nearly 50 acres. For more information contact park office at 931-723-5073 or email stephanie.hayes@tn.gov.

Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts National Public Lands Day on Sept. 29

(East) Join park staff and community members to observe this important day. NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands that Americans enjoy. Meet at the campground pavilion at 11 a.m. for instructions. For more information please contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov

Virgin Falls SNA hosts NPLD Stewardship Day on Sept. 29

Celebrate National Public Lands Day! Please meet at the Virgin Falls parking lot at 9 a.m. CT for a day of hiking and packing out trash. The walk down to beautiful Virgin Falls is 4 miles and the trail is narrow and steep in places. We will pass two smaller waterfalls along the way. We will pick up trash on the 4 miles hike back out so plan for a total 8 mile strenuous hike. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a lunch and lots of water! We will perform minor trail maintenance along the way. Thank you for your support to maintain this beautiful natural area! Reservations: Not required, but for more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or call 615-532-4799. For more information, visit the following website <http://www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/virgin/>.

Walls of Jericho SNA hosts NPLD Early Fall Hike & Trail Cleanup on Sept. 29

Enjoy National Public Lands Day with a journey through the early fall beauty at the Walls of Jericho State Natural Area in Franklin County. This strenuous 8-mile hike descends 600 feet into the "Walls" and continues along the creek to an amazing canyon of sheer rock bluffs, caves, and waterfalls. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy boots, and bring plenty of water and lunch. This hike is strenuous and participants should be in good physical condition. The trip will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Reservations required: RSVP by September 28 to Forrest Evans, 615-532-0431, or Forrest.Evans@tn.gov. The first 6 reservations can utilize transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program. Meet at the Nashville Target store parking lot off of Bell Road near Hickory Hollow at 7:30 a.m. CT. For more information, including descriptions, directions, and maps, about this as well as any other State Natural Area, visit the Division of Natural Areas web site at: www.tn.gov/environment/na/

Hampton Creek Cove SNA hosts NPLD Overmountain Victory Hike on Sept. 29

Chris Coxen, Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy Field Ecologist will lead a loop hike on National Public Lands Day, from Hampton Creek Cove State Natural Area through the Cherokee National Forest to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, returning via the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail. We will meet at 10 a.m. ET. The hike will originate at the Natural Area parking lot and traverse fields and actively grazed pastures, then follow the Birchfield Trail along the Left Prong of Hampton Creek through a northern hardwood forest community where yellow birch, striped maple, northern red oak, and tulip popular are dominant species. From the upper reaches of the Birchfield Trail, the hike will follow an old woods road until it reaches the Appalachian Trail, where it will turn west on the AT to Yellow Mountain Gap. At this junction, the hike route will turn north onto the Overmountain Victory Trail, commemorating the historic route of the Overmountain Men in their march to the Revolutionary

War's 1780 Battle of King's Mountain, thereupon returning to the parking lot. Hike is 7 miles round trip, includes an elevation gain of 2100 ft and is rated difficult. Hikers should bring lunch, water, high energy snacks, sturdy hiking footwear (no sandals or open-toed shoes), hat, jacket, rain gear, and sunscreen. Long pants are advised. Reservations required: Please make reservations at sahc@appalachian.org. For more information contact Chris at 910 315 5549. For more information, visit <http://www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/hampton/>.

Stillhouse Hollow Falls SNA hosts NPLD Stewardship Day on Sept. 29

Join Allan J. Trently, Tennessee Division of Natural Areas at Stillhouse Hollow Falls State Natural Area, a 90-acre state natural area in Maury County. The natural area is named for its most significant feature, Stillhouse Hollow Falls, which can be seen by walking approximately 2/3 of a mile along the Stillhouse Hollow Falls trail. A portion of the trail runs along a steep hillside. This trail section is prone to erosion. The plan for the event is to put in erosion control timbers along the trail. A pair of gloves and sturdy footwear is recommended. Please bring a lunch and water for the event. Consult the weather forecast; the event will be cancelled in case of bad weather. Allan will call/write everyone if there is a cancellation so be sure to leave a phone number or email where you can be reached. Meet at the parking lot of the natural area just off U.S. Route 43 at 10 a.m. CT. Reservations required: RSVP by Sept. 27th to Allan J. Trently, 731-512-1369 or allan.trently@tn.gov. For contact on event day, if needed, please use 731-234-4887 (cell). For information on Stillhouse Hollow Falls State Natural Area including a map of the location visit: <http://tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/stillhouse/>

Radnor Lake hosts NPLD Interpretive Trail Work Day on Sept. 29

(Middle) Join us from 8 a.m. to noon CT as we complete the new interpretive trail to the historic Valve House. We will remove invasive bush honeysuckle and restore habitat. For more information and to RSVP contact Sam King by email: kingsr21@gmail.com or call 615-377-1281.

Ozone Falls State Natural Area hosts NPLD Clean-up on Sept. 29

(Plateau) A perfect way to spend an autumn morning – celebrating National Public Lands Day at Ozone Falls! Enjoy the picturesque beauty of this natural area while helping to maintain trails by removing invasive plants and picking up trash from 9 a.m. to noon. Equipment will be provided. Please bring food and water and wear sturdy shoes. Feel free to work all morning or just a couple of hours. Directions: From Crossville travel East on I-40 and exit at the Crab Orchard exit. Turn left off the exit ramp and go to the intersection of U.S. Highway 70. From Knoxville go west on I-40 and exist at Crab Orchard. From Crab Orchard exit, turn right on U.S. Highway 70 going east. The highway takes you straight to Ozone Falls, which is on the right about four miles from the interstate exit. For more information contact monica.johnson@tn.gov.

Port Royal hosts 75th Anniversary Event on Sept. 29

(Middle) This 75th Anniversary Event includes a ribbon-cutting for exterior restorations of the 1859 Lodge building, along with living history and exhibits on the area's 19th century tobacco culture and future plans for the park. Other presentations include: 1:00 p.m. - 75th Anniversary presentation by State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath; 2:30 p.m. - Ribbon cutting for Exterior restoration of 1850 Masonic Lodge; 3:15 p.m. - Port Royal Past, Present, and Future. For more information please call the park office at 931-358-9696 or email david.britton@tn.gov

Big Hill Pond hosts Living History Day at Davis Bridge on Sept. 29

Celebration of Tennessee State Parks' 75th Anniversary. Join us for a Living History Day at Davis Bridge Battle site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT. The program will begin with cannons firing and a hike led by living history interpreters across the battle site. After this short hike, guests are welcome to visit the Living History Civil War Camp where there will be rifle demonstrations, re-enactors and interpretive programs about life in the camp. The hike is about 1-mile across grass fields. There will be several stops during the hike for interpretive explanations of the battle. For more information call 731-645-7967.

Cove Lake Louie Bluie Festival on Sept. 29

(Plateau) This all-day family-fun festival features three stages of music including traditional old-time, blues, gospel, mountain jazz, and bluegrass, plus storytelling and theater and our kid's fun zone with lots of activities for the children. High quality art and handmade crafts will be sold in the craft village, and a judged art and quilt show will be in the recreation center. Regional food vendors will be serving up a mouthwatering array of authentic Southern cooking, East Tennessee style. The Louie Bluie Festival is named in honor of Howard "Louie Bluie" Armstrong (1909-2003), a LaFollette native and internationally acclaimed string band musician who grew up in LaFollette in the 1920s and became one of the nation's finest string band musicians, as well as artist, storyteller, and writer. A \$2 per person/\$5 per family donation is encouraged and funds Campbell Culture Coalition, an all-volunteer non-profit community arts organization. <http://louiebluie.org> for more information call 423-566-9701.

Standing Stone hosts Storytelling Festival on September 29

Join in the fun at the 1st Annual Storytelling Festival at Standing Stone State Park on Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. CT. Hear storytellers weave their magic of the spoken word through their storytelling technique. Hear one or all stories, bring a picnic or eat lunch by purchasing food at our food booths. Meet at Shelter# 4. Admission to this family-friendly event is free. Event is sponsored by members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Int. For more information contact sponsoring members, Sarah Hogue at 931-823-1849 or Barbra Seeley at 931-403-2053.

Rock Island hosts 37th Annual Lion's Club Fall Festival on Sept. 29 & 30

(Plateau) Rock Island State Park will be hosting the 37th Annual Lion's Club Fall Festival & Craft Fair. The event highlights crafts, jewelry, & antiques. Games, music, & park interpretive programs are planned. All profits go to vision & hearing enrichment for needy families. For further information call 931-686-2769 or 931-686-2828.

October Natchez Trace hosts Shriner's Trail Ride

(West) This is an annual trail ride hosted by the Shriner's. It will be held at the Wrangler Campground. The event will include a BBQ meal, auction and hayride for the family. Contact 731-968-3742.

October Natchez Trace hosts Family Astronomy Day

(West) This is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the crisp autumn air and clear skies in Tennessee. Bring your family or group out for a night of viewing the stars. Equipment will be provided. For more information contact Alisha.Weber@tn.gov

October Big Ridge hosts Ghost House Hikes on Fridays & Saturdays

(East) Join Park Rangers for a spine-tingling night hike! 1.2 miles of spooky stories from Big Ridge's past. Bring your own flashlight. The hike is free, but reservations are required. Limit 30 people. No children under 6 years old please. Contact the park office at 865-992-5523.

October 4 - 7 Sycamore Shoals hosts 18th Annual Quilt Show

(East) Thursday, Friday & Saturday, October 4, 5, 6 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET and Sunday, October 7, 1 pm – 4:30 p.m. This four-day exhibition, sponsored by the Sycamore Shoals Stitchers, features a show and demonstrations by local quilters held in the park museum. Bed quilts, wall hangings, holiday and baby quilts, miniatures and antique quilts will be on display. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

October 5 Norris Dam hosts Pickin' in the Park

(East) Join us as we listen to some old time bluegrass bands at the park's outdoor amphitheater. Free. Food and drink available. For more information call 865-426-7461.

October 5-7 Reelfoot Lake hosts Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival

(West) Chosen as one of the top three arts & crafts shows in Tennessee. Free admission and some free parking. Exhibitors come from many states to show their crafts and sell their wares with over 300 different vendors. When not perusing the wares enjoy free entertainment with artists from the area. Sit in the shade and enjoy old time string music and singing. www.reelfootartsandcrafts.com. For more information call 731-253-8003.

October 6 Cedars of Lebanon hosts W.P.A. Day and 75th Anniversary Celebration

We're celebrating TN State Parks' 75th Anniversary as well as Cedars of Lebanon State Park's heritage through the W.P.A. Day (Works Progress Administration). Featured this year will be the opening of the W.P.A. time capsule from 1937 and the signing of a giant pair of overalls by our local dignitaries. Highlights include: historical and cultural programs, demonstrations, and period life from the era during the establishment of Cedars of Lebanon. Join us for history, art, music, crafts, cross cut saw competitions, corn bread cooking contest, and free pinto beans, corn bread, and mush. Free to the public! For more information call 615-443-2769.

October 6 Roan Mountain hosts Chili Cook-off

(East) Cook up a pot or come and sample. Register at Park Headquarters or campground. prizes will be awarded. 8 a.m. - noon ET. For more information call 423-772-0190.

October 6 Warriors' Path hosts Environmental Education Workshop

(East) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ET. Learn to use nearby, familiar environments as "natural classrooms" for your children and students. Try teaching techniques that bring conservation to life. This workshop is especially geared for teachers and youth leaders. Free, but pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact the park office 423-239-8531 or email Marty.Silver@tn.gov

October 6 Rock Island hosts Rock Island 5 Miler

(Plateau) Rock Island State Park will be hosting the kick off race this year for the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. This is the longest state parks running event in the U.S. You can access online registration at Racesonline.com. Sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Milers. For more info call Blaine Wilcher at 931-743-2461 or stereotypeb17@yahoo.com.

October 6 & 7 Fort Loudoun hosts Garrison Weekend

(East) Park staff and volunteers portray the original garrison of Fort Loudoun and the Cherokees who lived in the Little Tennessee Valley in the mid 1700s. Program hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217.

October 6 & 7 Sycamore Shoals hosts Fort Watauga Knap-In

(East) Knapping—with a "K"—has nothing to do with sleep! Knapping is the art of making stone tools, and the Knap-In at Fort Watauga is our celebration of Tennessee Archaeology Week. Watch primitive skills craftsmen make arrowheads, spear points, and other survival tools. There will be demonstrations of primitive tools such as the bow, arrow, and atlatl throughout the day. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

October 13 Standing Stone hosts 14th Annual Standing Stone Car Show
(Plateau) This day-long event is a family fun filled day of cars, music and food. Approximately 300 vehicles – classics, trucks and hotrods – will be shown and judged. Event begins at 8 a.m. CT. For more information about entering a vehicle call Travis Stover 931-823-6347.

October 13 Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Mountain Melodies
(East) Join park staff and our Pioneer Friends Group in celebrating 75 years in state parks with a day of traditional mountain music down by the Nolichucky River. Local groups will share the rich heritage of traditional mountain music and showcase the art of storytelling. This event will be held at Shelter #3 in front of the Crockett Cabin and starts at 11:00 a. m. ET. For more information please contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov For more information call 423-257-2167.

October 13 Edgar Evins hosts 6th Annual History Hayride
(Middle) Bring your blanket and enjoy a family oriented ride back into time as the Friends of Edgar Evins and park staff bring history alive. There will be approximately 10 stops along the hayride where costumed re-enactors reveal the history of the area and its people. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are required and the cost is \$10 per person. We begin accepting reservations on the 1st of September each year. The hayrides fill up quickly so mark your calendars now. For more information and to RSVP call 931-858-2114 or 800-250-8619.

October 13 Roan Mountain hosts Autumn Harvest
(East) Celebrate the coming of autumn and the beautiful fall foliage of the Appalachian Mountains at our annual Autumn Harvest at the Miller Farmstead. Guests can take a step back in time with demonstrations of old-time skills such as basket weaving, soap making, cornmeal grinding, spinning and dyeing, flint-knapping and more. There will also be a variety of foods available for purchase. Activities start at noon, continuing until 4 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-772-0190.

October 13 Montgomery Bell hosts Two Lakes Trail Run
The second race in the 34th annual [TN States Park Running Tour](#). All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. On-line registration at Active.com. Sponsored by the Jones Creek Road Runners. For more info contact John Spencer at 615-441-5915 or jvspencer@aol.com.

October 13 Tims Ford hosts Heritage Day and Shade Tree Pickin'
(Middle) Join us as we celebrate Tennessee State Park's 75th anniversary with interpretive programs and activities relating to the history of the park and the people who lived here prior to the establishment of Tims Ford Reservoir. Bluegrass, country and gospel music will fill the air – bring your instrument and join in or just bring a lawn chair and sit a spell. Call the park office 931-962-1183 or check out Tims Ford State Park's Facebook page for more information.

October 13 – 28 Norris Dam hosts Color Pontoon Boat Trips
(East) Each year nature displays a spectacular array of fall colors. Join us as we venture along the shores of Norris Lake via pontoon boat ride and view this beautiful display of nature's artistry. Each boat ride will last approximately one hour and will depart from the Norris Dam Marina. Park Rangers will narrate your trip with tree identification and park history. Registration is required by contacting the park office after Labor Day to sign up for a trip. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under six years old. If inclement weather prevails at the time of the boat departure, then trip will be cancelled. Trips run daily at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. ET. Each year nature displays a spectacular array of fall color. For more information contact Ranger Mike Scott the park office at 865-426-7461.

October 19 Hill Forest Natural Area hosts Old Forest Hike

(Middle) Join Brian Bowen, Tennessee Natural Areas Program and Julia Landstreet, Friends of Warner Park for an October afternoon hike through the Hill Forest Designated State Natural Area. This 2.5 mile hike is your opportunity to experience the natural area's biggest and oldest forest trees while enjoying the fall color. The hike will take approximately 3 hours. Bring water, wear sturdy walking gear, and dress for the weather. Meet at the Hill Forest SNA at 2 p.m. CT. Reservations are required. RSVP to Warner Park Nature Center at 615-352-6299 or email wpnc@nashville.gov.

October 19 & 20 Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Tennessee's History Festival

(Middle) The 9th annual Tennessee History Festival and one of Tennessee State Parks 75th Anniversary Events. Enjoy 200 years of living history and learn about Tennessee's past. The event blends education and entertainment, allowing school groups and families to experience day-to-day soldier life in history. The two-day festival features multiple displays and demonstrations by re-enactors and living history interpreters. The festival is free and open to the public. Activities will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT each day. School groups are encouraged to plan their visits for Friday, Oct. 19 and must register in advance. Educators may arrange for bus parking and special informational packets for their visits. School group reservations may be made by contacting Park Manager Mike Cole at 615-741-5800.

October 19-21 Cove Lake hosts Knap-in and Primitive Skills Festival

(Plateau) In celebration of Tennessee State Parks 75th anniversary please join us and our volunteers for the 3rd annual Cove Lake State Park Knap-In and Primitive Skills Festival to be held October 19th, 20th, and 21st, from 9 a.m. ET until sunset each day. The event is free and open to the public. Demonstrations will include; flint knapping, bow building, cordage, basket weaving, quiver making, blowgun and darts, nature walk, fire making, atlatl, storytelling and a few other displays taking you through a time tunnel of the past. We may even sing happy birthday and share a bite of cake, refreshments limited. For more information call 423-566-9701.

October 19-21 Long Hunter hosts Fall Festival and NAIA Pow Wow

(Middle) Celebrate Native American Indian Month in Tennessee at the annual NAIA Pow Wow, one of the top Pow Wows in the country. Enjoy traditional Native American food, arts, crafts, music, storytelling and games. Competition dancing includes: Fancy, Traditional, Straight Grass Cloth, Buckskin, Fancy Shawl, Jingle Dress, Senior, and Junior. For more information visit www.naiatn.org/powwow/index.html.

October 20 Cumberland Mountain hosts Solar and Night Sky Program

(Plateau) 1 -3 p.m. CT. Solar viewing will begin at the upper softball field. 1 hour before sunset. A 40 minute pre dusk basic astronomy program will begin with planet and deep sky night observing following! Solar viewing and night sky viewing led by Lloyd Watkins. For more information call 931-484-6138.

October 20 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(Plateau) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information contact Ranger Michael Hodge at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov or 423-346-3318.

October 20 Pickett hosts Volunteer Day

(Plateau) Participate in trail work, planting native species, litter clean up and other park projects. Meet park personnel and the Friends group at the park office at 9 a.m. CT. Work days generally last until 3 p.m. CT. Bring gloves, water, a sack lunch and snacks. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat are also good to have. Feel free to work a few hours or stay the entire time. For more information call 931-879-5821.

October 20 Walls of Jericho SNA hosts Waterfall Hike

(Plateau) This is a joint field trip with the Tennessee Native Plant Society. We will stop to appreciate plants along the way. Catch the fall colors at the Walls of Jericho State Natural Area in Franklin County. This strenuous 8-mile hike descends 900 feet into the "Walls" and continues along the creek to an amazing canyon of sheer rock bluffs, caves, and waterfalls. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy boots, and bring plenty of water and lunch. This hike is strenuous and participants should be in good physical condition. The trip will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Meet at the Nashville Target store parking lot off of Bell Road near Hickory Hollow at 7 a.m. CT. Reservations required: RSVP by October 19 to Todd Crabtree, 615-532-1378, or Todd.Crabtree@tn.gov. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

October 20 Panther Creek hosts Heritage Day

(East) Join us at Panther Creek State Park for Heritage Day as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Tennessee State Parks. There'll be live music, food, historical demonstrations, hayrides, crafts, hikes and more during this celebration of our local history. This event will take place at the Spooner Shelter from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-587-7046.

October 20 Roan Mountain hosts Roan Mountain 10K

The third race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. Sponsored by the State of Franklin Track Club. Online registration at Active.com. For more info contact Rob Schoborg at 423-926-1265 or schoborg@etsu.edu.

October 20 & 21 Fall Creek Falls hosts Fall Colors Weekend

(Plateau) Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls State Park. For more information call 423-881-5708.

October 22 Cordell Hull Birthplace hosts United Nations Day Celebration

(Middle) Join park staff as we celebrate the United Nations, the international peacekeeping agency primarily authored by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull. We will observe this occasion with a display of highlights of the U.N. as well as a showcase of Sec. Hull's Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 1945 for his role in creating the esteemed agency. The park is open 9a.m. to 5 p.m. CT. For more information call 931-864-3247.

October 25 Sycamore Shoals hosts Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion

(East) Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. ET. Strange things happen around All Hallows Eve, especially at a 200 year-old mansion. Bring the family and join us for tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in for good measure. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted... we think! Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

October 26 T.O. Fuller hosts Fall Festival

(Plateau) Join us for our 6th Annual Fall Festival open to children of all ages. This is a safe community alternative for Trick-or-Treating. Children only need to bring a basket and flashlight to find the hidden glowing eggs filled with candy that are scattered throughout the parks' Day Use Area. Following the Egg Hunt children are taught to roast weenies and make homemade

s'mores on an open campfire. (This event is always held the Friday before Halloween at sunset with the following Friday as a rain date.) For more information call 901-543-7581.

October 26 Davy Crockett hosts Trick or Treat in the Haunted Forest

(East) Bring the kids to trick or treat through our woods. There will be a lighted trail to lead the way so you don't get lost. Ghost, ghouls and haints will hand out treats along the trail and give you a little scare. Dress appropriately for cold weather, and bring a flashlight and a candy bag. A \$1 per person donation for the park will be taken at the entrance. Event is 7-8 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-257-2167 or email Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.

Oct. 26-28 Red Clay hosts Inter Tribal Cultural Gathering POW WOW

(East) Come join in the family fun. Native dance demonstrations take place throughout the weekend. Enjoy food and crafts from Native vendors. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and sun shades. For more information call 423-478-0339.

October 27 Fall Creek Falls hosts Wild Foods Day

(Plateau) Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast. For more information call 423-881-5708.

October 27 Nathan Bedford Forrest hosts Monsters Cafe

(West) Join us at 7 p.m. CT at the park office for a half-mile hike of creepy crawly things and ghosts along the trail. The Monster Cafe will be in full swing at Shelter #1 for the kids with all kinds of food, games and treats. For more information call 731-584-6356.

October 27 Long Hunter hosts Halloween Hunt 5 Miles

The fourth race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. This race is sponsored by the Frostbite Running Club and is famous for its costume contest and charcoal-grilled hot dogs. On-line registration at Raceonline.com. For more info call Tomas de Paulis at 615-390-6977 or Intdp@earthlink.net.

October 27 Cumberland Mountain hosts Trunk or Treat

(Plateau) 6 – 8 p.m. CT. Meet at the Recreation Hall for a Hayride over to the campground to begin your trunk or treat adventure!! Other events will be scheduled. For more info contact Ranger Johnson at 931-484-6138.

October 27 & 28 Reelfoot Lake hosts White Pelican Canoe Floats

(West) Canoe floats are offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and at 9 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 28. Participants will paddle out to see hundreds of white pelicans who rest on Reelfoot Lake as they make their annual journey south for the winter. This canoe trip is on flat water, but some upper body strength is required as the trip will last approximately 3 hours. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack and water to drink. Sunscreen and bug spray are recommended. Canoes, life jackets and paddles will be provided. Visitors are also welcome to bring their own canoes/kayaks. Meet at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor center at 1 p.m. CT. Reservations are required. Reservations may be made by calling 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov.

October 27 Meeman-Shelby Forest hosts 1st Annual Meeman-Shelby Heritage Festival & 75th Anniversary TSP Celebration

(West) Come to Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT to celebrate our American traditions, skills, and legacies. Demonstrators, vendors, games, live music, and interpretive programs will be offered for the entire family, as well as hourly programs by

Tennessee State Parks. The event is free and event is free and parking is available within walking distance. For more information call 901-876-5201.

November 3 Edgar Evins hosts Fall Color Cruise

(Middle) Sponsored by the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park, this cruise is sure to delight as we view the fall scenery and homes of country stars. Admission \$10 per person and reservations are required. For adults and children over age 3 accompanied by an adult. We start accepting reservations the 1st of October each year. Cruises are approximately 2 hours long. For more information and to RSVP call 931-858-2114 or 800-250-8619.

November 3 David Crockett host David Crockett 10K

The fifth race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. This race is sponsored by the Crockett Runners. Course is considered somewhat hilly. For more info call Scott Benefield at 931-629-3567 or target242@mac.com.

November 3-4 Nathan Bedford Forrest hosts NSSA Skirmish

(West) Target competitions with soldiers dressed in Confederate and Union attire. Set up will be at the Ball Field. The Friends of Nathan Bedford Forrest will be selling snack and drinks. Bar-B-Q will also be available for purchase. For more information call 731-584-6356.

November 3 Big Cypress Tree hosts Big Cypress Fall Festival

For more info email bill.mccall@tn.gov.

November 3 & 4 Johnsonville hosts Historic Walking Tour

(Middle) Join Park manager Jerry Wooten for a beautiful fall hike honoring the 148th Anniversary of the Battle of Johnsonville. Hear an intriguing Civil War story about Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest's tactical victory against the Union supply depot of Johnsonville on Nov. 4, 1864. Please meet at the park trail head at 1:45 p.m. CT. The walking tour leaves precisely at 2 p.m. CT. Bring water, a light jacket and good walking shoes as the tour involves moderate to strenuous hiking and lasts approximately one and a half hours on both days – Saturday and Sunday. The tour will take place rain or shine. For more information call 931-535-2789.

November 7 Laurel Snow SNA hosts Fall Hike to Snow Falls and Buzzard Point

(Plateau) Join us for a mid-week hike to Snow Falls and the Buzzard Point where we can see great views of the Ridge and Valley to the east toward Chattanooga. If the leaves are late, the colors can be great! Morgan, Henderson, Laurel and Richland Creeks never fail to please visitors with their beautiful chutes, pools and huge rocks. Bring layered clothing and footgear appropriate for November weather along with snacks and water. The hike is considered moderate with some significant up-hill climbing. Total distance roundtrip is about 5 or 6 miles. Meet at 8:30 a.m. ET at the Laurel Snow State Natural Area. For more information contact Lisa.Huff@tn.gov.

November 10 Nathan Bedford Forrest hosts Pilot Knob 10K

The sixth race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. The course features 2.5 miles of mostly flat road, a very steep uphill takes you to the turnaround at Pilot Knob. Pilot Knob is the highest point in Tennessee west of the Tennessee River. Sponsored by the Jackson Roadrunners. For more info call Mike Bell or 731-441-1468 or bellm@henryk12.net.

November 10 Roan Mountain hosts Old Time Yule

(East) Roan Mountain ends the year by wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas. Experience how the holiday was celebrated years ago. Old time music and traditional Christmas treats. For more information call 423-772-0190.

November 10 & 11 Fort Loudoun hosts Garrison Weekend

(East) This living history program brings Fort Loudoun back to life as park staff and volunteers portray the original garrison of the fort and of the surrounding Cherokee towns. Event hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217

November 10 & 11 Fall Creek Falls hosts Backpacking Trip

(Plateau) Join us for a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Contact the Nature Center at 423-881-5708.

November 11 Sgt. Alvin C. York hosts Veteran's Day Celebration

(Middle) For more information call 931-879-6456.

November 15 Pickett hosts Volunteer Day

(Plateau) Participate in trail work, planting native species, litter clean up and other park projects. Meet park personnel and the Friends group at the park office at 9 a.m. CT. Work days generally last until 3 p.m. CT. Bring gloves, water, a sack lunch and snacks. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat are also good to have. Feel free to work a few hours or stay the entire time. For more information call 931-879-5821.

November 17 Reelfoot Lake hosts "Love the Lake" Lakeshore Clean-Up

(West) Please help us Love the Lake! Meet at the state park visitor center for a morning of lakeshore clean up by canoe. Bring a pair of work gloves if you have them. Boats, life jackets, canoes and paddles will be provided for this special opportunity to get close to the unique lake shore. Participants will paddle in the shallow water between cypress knees to remove unwanted debris. Snacks will be provided. Dress for the weather! Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor's center. Reservations required: Reservations may be made by calling 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov. Thank you for your support of Reelfoot Lake and Tennessee State Natural Areas.

November 17 Standing Stone hosts BigFoot Scramble 5 Miles

The seventh race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. Considered a fast and scenic course. Sponsored by the Frostbite Running Club. For more info call Lynn Burnett at 931-823-6124 or liv2run@live.com.

November 17 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(Plateau) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

November 17 & 18 Reelfoot Lake hosts Deep Swamp Tromp

(West) This 3 hour hike will take participants into old growth cypress forest off trail and into some of the most remote areas of Reelfoot Lake. The bald cypress trees are some of the largest in this area of the country. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy hiking shoes and long pants, and bring a snack and water to drink. Meet at 1 p.m. CT on Saturday, Nov. 10 or 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor's center. Reservations required: Reservations may be made by calling 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov.

November 17 & 18 Sycamore Shoals hosts Harvest Celebration & Militia Muster

(East) Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET. It's a jollification! The Washington County Militia musters its troops for good times and good cheer! Re-enactors in period dress provide demonstrations of old-time skills and scenes from daily life in America's colonial past. Call the park for a schedule of events at 423-543-5808.

November 24 Cumberland Mountain hosts Plateau Gobbler Gallop 11K

The eighth race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. Considered the third hardest course on the Running Tour. Sponsored by the Frostbite Running Club. For more info call Tony Cox at 615-773-8785 or tcox@tntech.edu.

November 26 Nathan Bedford hosts Lighting of the Knob

(West) Join park staff and the Friends of Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park as we kick off the holiday season with the Lighting of the Knob. There will be visits with Santa, festive music, food and fellowship. The knob will be officially lit at 6 p.m. CT and transportation will be provided. For more information call 731-584-6356.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1-2 Fall Creek Falls hosts Christmas on the Mountain

(Plateau) Join us for a weekend of Yuletide fun, holiday music, handmade crafts and gifts for the little ones. Activities include making Christmas crafts, storytelling, breakfast with Santa, and a 3-day mountain craft show for everyone. For more information call 423- 881-5708.

December TBA Tims Ford hosts A Tims Ford Christmas

(Middle) The park will be hosting "A Tims Ford Christmas." Check back as details are being planned. For more information call 931-962-1183.

December 1 Tims Ford hosts Deer Trail 6 Mile

The ninth race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. Sponsored by the Mach Tenn Running Club. For more info call Terri Jones at 931-247-5450 or jonesterri02@gmail.com.

December 1 Cordell Hull Birthplace hosts Old Fashion Christmas

(Middle) Join park staff as we celebrate the holidays the way they were enjoyed in the late nineteenth century, the time period in which former Secretary of State Cordell Hull lived in this rural area on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Come on out for this holiday open house which includes refreshments and seasonal decorations in the restored birthplace cabin. The park is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT. For more information call 931-864-3247.

December 1 Warriors' Path hosts Adopt-a-Tree

(East) 10 a.m.-noon ET. All area young people are invited to help bring "re-leaf" to Kingsport. We'll be distributing free tree seedlings, to plant in the park and to plant at home. Help begin tomorrow's forests! Free. For more information, contact the park office 423-239-8531 or email Marty.Silver@tn.gov.

December 1 Fort Loudoun hosts A 75th Anniversary Event-Christmas at Fort Loudoun

(East) Celebrate Christmas in the 18th century style with native greenery, carols and wassail. Re-enactors will bring these and other 18th century lifestyles back to life with blacksmithing demonstrations, musket and artillery firings plus a special candlelight tour of Fort Loudoun. Daytime hours: 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. ET. The candlelight tour will commence at 6 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217

December 7 Cordell Hull Birthplace hosts Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

(Middle) Join park staff as we commemorate Pearl Harbor Day, the day that officially launched the United States' entry into WWII. We will observe the occasion with a display of highlights of the infamous Pearl Harbor attack as well as a showcase on Sec. Hull's Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 1945 for his role in creating the U.N. The park is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT. For more information call 931-864-3247.

December 7 & 8 Sycamore Shoals hosts Christmas at the Carter Mansion

(East) Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8 6-9 p.m. ET. Spend a candlelit evening in the oldest frame house in Tennessee, decorated with bright greenery for the holidays. Enjoy music, refreshments, and costumed interpreters acting out scenes from an 18th century Christmas. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

December 8 Paris Landing hosts Over the River 8 Miles

The tenth race in the 34th annual TN States Park Running Tour. All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. Sponsored by the Jackson Roadrunners. The course was USAT&F certified in 2010. On-line registration at Active.com. For more info call Mike Bell at 931-441-4468 or bellm@henryk12.net.

December 8 Sgt. Alvin C. York hosts Christmas in the Valley

(Middle) For more information call 931-879-6456.

December 8 Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Crockett Christmas

(East) Crockett Christmas is a living history event that will provide visitors with a glimpse of Christmas past on the frontier. The birthplace cabin will be decorated in pioneer spirit. Traditional storytelling will be provided along with hot wassail and edibles common to that period. The path to the cabin will be lit by candlelight and a nice warm fire in the cabin and outside the cabin will keep you toasty warm. Event time will be 4:00-8:00 pm for Saturday. One day only. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.

December 8 Norris Dam hosts Holiday Homecoming Celebration

(East) Join us from 5-9 p.m. ET for a walk through time discovering old time traditions representing Tennessee Holiday Homecomings in the local region. Celebrations will take place on the east side of the park as our rustic cabin area transforms into a winter village of festivities for the holiday season. The community and local organizations will be participating in holiday activities that will include; live animal demonstrations, historical depiction of Appalachian life, horse-drawn wagon rides, old-time music, and holiday treats. Parking will be a short distance from the event area, with handicapped parking available. Please be expected to walk approximately one mile, so dress warmly and comfortably and bring a flashlight for an evening outdoors amongst the rustic cabins! For more information please call the park office at 865-426-7461.

December 8 Pogue Creek SNA hosts Wilderness Holiday Hike

(Plateau) Enjoy late fall, the coming winter, and the holiday season by exploring this pristine wilderness area with knowledgeable guides. This 4 hour hike will take participants off trail into some of the wild areas of the Cumberland Plateau where they will see beautiful mountain gorges, rock formations and much more. This hike will be strenuous and require some negotiation around obstacles. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy hiking shoes and long pants, and bring snacks, lunch and water to drink. Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the Pickett State Park office and we will carpool to the trailhead. Reservations are required; contact Robin at 615-532-4799 or Robin.Wooten@tn.gov.

December 14 & 15 Pickwick Landing hosts Christmas in the Park

Enjoy Pickwick Landing's 8th annual Festival of Lights via trolley or a horse drawn carriage ride through the park, viewing the beautiful luminaries and lighted displays. Local retailers and crafters will be on hand displaying and offering unique items at the park's Holiday Mart. Little ones will enjoy a special visit from Santa and his elves complete with holiday train ride and bedtime stories. For more information including times call 731-689-3129.

December 15 Cumberland Mountain hosts Christmas on the Plateau

(Plateau) Join us from 5-7 p.m. CT for our annual Toy Drive to help kids have a very Merry Christmas and Christmas Celebration. Activities include, music, interpretive programs, Christmas Story reading, ornament making, decorating and lighting the Christmas tree while sipping some hot chocolate, coffee, or hot cider. Toys will be taken up when Christmas on the Plateau begins! Meet at the Recreation Lodge. AT 7 p.m. Mr. And Mrs. Claus will be handing out toys for all the boys and girls. Oh and don't forget to take a drive through the park and see our historical CCC bridge decorated with lights! For more information call 931-484-6138.

December 15 Red Clay hosts 5th Annual Trail of Lights

(East) Bring the family and stroll down the trail of lights to enjoy the park in the quiet beauty of winter. Return to the Visitor Center for refreshments and entertainment. 5- 8 p.m. ET. Donation: Adults \$3.00. Children under 12 \$1.00. For more information call 423-478-0339.

December 15 Davy Crockett hosts Pioneer 5 Miles

The eleventh race in the 34th annual [TN States Park Running Tour](#). All races are held on Saturdays from October to March at 11 AM local time in 21 different State Parks, located from Memphis to Kingsport. Join us for an exhilarating run through our park and the Limestone community. Sponsored by the State of Franklin Track Club. For more info call Bob Townsend at 423-257-6188 or bobt4@earthlink.net.